



Use of mouth swabs for extraction of DNA for avian sexing

Please read this information carefully before choosing to submit a swab sample for sexing. By submitting a sample for sex determination you are agreeing that you have read and understood these instructions/conditions.

Closely follow the sampling instruction sheet and refer to the video on the website for the procedure for taking swab samples.

Swabs must be rubbed very firmly inside the bird's cheek to get cells from the cheek on to the swab. There is no way of knowing in the Laboratory until the test is complete whether the sample has been taken properly or not.

Problems with DNA extraction on mouth swabs are due to the swab not having cells on it rather than the test not being done correctly in the Laboratory, as experienced customers almost always get results.

Swab samples for sexing must be a Biobest provided swab, these are ridged to facilitate sample collection (Cotton buds or viral swabs are NOT suitable). These instructions are included with every Biobest swab

The test is not repeated if no DNA is obtained from a swab (unlike for other sample types).

The charge for the sexing test will still apply to samples which we get no DNA from. Re-submitting a new sample will incur a second charge.

Swab samples are only accepted on the basis that customers understand and accept these conditions. Please sign, print and date below and return this portion with the sample. Failure to return this may result in a delay to sample turnaround as we will not process mouth swabs without prior authorisation.

Avian Sexing Mouth Swab Sample Submission:

I agree that I have read and understood the instructions and conditions regarding mouth swabs and accept that I will be charged whether a result is obtained or not.

Signed: Date:

Print name:

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